

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

GORDON SCHIFF and,
CELESTE ROYCE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT,
CHARLES EZELL, in his official capacity as
Acting Director of the U.S. Office of
Personnel Management,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &
HUMAN SERVICES,
ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., in his official
capacity as Secretary of Health and Human
Services,
AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH
AND QUALITY, and
MAMATHA S. PANCHOLI, in her official
capacity as Acting Director of the Agency for
Healthcare Research and Quality,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:25-CV-10595-LTS

PARTIES' JOINT STATUS REPORT AND PROPOSED JOINT SCHEDULE

The parties respectfully submit this Joint Status Report and Proposed Joint Schedule in the above-captioned matter.

On September 19, 2025, the Court adopted the parties' proposed Joint Schedule for Summary Judgment Motions. The Court then granted the parties' Joint Motion for Extension of Time on October 1, 2025.

On October 8, 2025, the Court granted Defendant's Assented-To Motion to Stay this matter given the lapse in appropriations.

On November 14, 2025, Defendant filed a Notice of Restoration of Appropriations with the Court. (ECF Doc. 65). The parties now propose the following joint schedule.

Filing of Certified Administrative Record	January 30, 2026
Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment	February 23, 2026
Defendants' Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment	March 23, 2026
Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment and Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment	April 20, 2026
Combined Statement of Material Undisputed Facts	April 27, 2026
Defendants' Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment and Surreply in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion	May 22, 2026
Final Pretrial Conference (if necessary)	June 2026 — to be set by the Court
Trial (if necessary)	July 2026 — to be set by the Court

Wherefore, the Parties request that the Court adopt the proposed schedule set forth above.

November 18, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Shawna Yen, Assistant United States Attorney, hereby certify that this document filed through the ECF system will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) and paper copies will be sent to those indicated as non-registered participants.

Dated: November 18, 2025

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